

REMARKS

Claims 1-4, 8 and 10-24 are pending in the application. By this amendment, claims 4 and 8 are amended, and claims 5-7 and 8 are canceled.

Claims 1-3 and 10-24 were previously indicated as being allowable.

Claims 4-6 and 9 stand rejected.

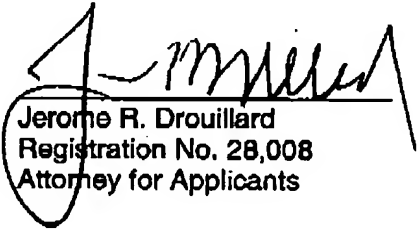
Claims 7 and 8 are objected to but were indicated as being allowable if rewritten in independent form including all the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. As a result, claim 4 has been amended by incorporating the substance of claims 6 and 7 therein, and as a result, claim 4 as well as claim 8, which depends therefrom, are now allowable and should be passed to issue along with all other claims remaining in the application.

Please charge any fees required in the filing of this amendment to deposit account 06-1510.

Respectfully submitted,

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